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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chief, DCI Interagency Balkan Task Force

SUBJECT: Principals' Committee Meeting on Bosnia, 11 September 1995

1. We have not yet received an agenda for Monday's Principals' Committee meeting, but it almost certainly will focus on assessing the Holbrooke mission and the impact/future of airstrikes in Bosnia. There are no meeting papers expected. [ ]

2. Holbrooke and team plan to return to Europe later this week to resume the US peace initiative. Wes Clark has been engaged in intensive discussions with Milosevic aimed at developing a 51-49 percent territorial division of Bosnia that might be acceptable to the Bosnian Government. The Balkan Task Force is spearheading an interagency effort to collect data on Bosnian economic resources and ethnic composition to assist this effort.

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- Clark asked me to relay to you his appreciation for the Agency support he has received. In addition to our daily support cable to the delegation, I will be looking--per his request--for ways to provide the team with more timely bomb damage assessment information and [ ] summaries while on the road. [ ]

3. On the airstrikes, you may want to note that [ ] UN officials are concluding that current airstrikes will not convince the Serbs to withdraw their heavy weapons from the Sarajevo area.

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- [REDACTED]
- There still is no evidence that the Bosnian Serbs have removed weapons from the zone. They clearly are at least moving some weapons around within the zone. We estimate the Serbs have around 800 heavy weapons in the zone; the UN places the number at around 300.
- [REDACTED]

4. This briefing book includes background materials on reactions to Friday's ministerial in Geneva (NEGOTIATIONS TAB), views of the Serb leadership (BOSNIAN SERB VIEWS TAB), reports of Croatian atrocities (WAR CRIMES TAB), and the impact of airstrikes on Bosnian Serb military capabilities (AIRSTRIKES-IMPACT TAB). We will be preparing a major assessment for your review--probably by Wednesday--on the strategic impact of the airstrikes. [REDACTED]

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